

## Highly Qualified Requirements for Individuals with Transition to Teaching Permits Amendment

### Highly Qualified TRANSITION TO TEACHING Elementary School Teacher (Grades K-6)

In order to be considered highly qualified, elementary and special education teachers who are the primary instructors of elementary content must have:

- 1) Earned a bachelor's degree; and
- 2) Enrolled in a transition to teaching program and have a transition to teaching permit; and
- 3) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge by having passed PRAXIS II licensing exam #10011

### Highly Qualified ALTERNATE ROUTE TO LICENSURE Secondary Teachers (Grades 6-12)

In order to be considered highly qualified, secondary teachers including special education teachers who are the primary instructors of a core academic subject—English/ reading/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, music, art, or theater—must have:

- 1) Earned a bachelor's degree; and
- 2) Enrolled in a transition to teaching program and have a transition to teaching permit; and
- 3) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge in **one** of the following ways for each core academic subject taught:
  - ☐ Passed the PRAXIS II
  - ☐ Passed the NTE specialty exam
  - ☐ Earned 24 credit hours
  - ☐ Earned a graduate degree
  - ☐ Earned National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification

### PRAXIS II Exams

For information about the PRAXIS II exams, contact a licensing advisor at your college or university, or contact the Office of Educator Licensing and Development 1-866-542-3672, [licensinghelp@doe.in.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@doe.in.gov), or visit the Educational Testing Services website: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).

### Sixth Grade Teachers

A sixth grade teacher who has an elementary license and teaches sixth grade students in an elementary school or a middle school, regardless of whether the school is departmentalized, is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for an elementary school teacher.

A sixth grade teacher who has a middle school license is considered highly qualified if he or she meets the highly qualified requirements for a junior high/middle school teacher.

### Social Studies

Junior and Middle School Social Studies Teachers who pass the 0089 Middle School: Social Studies PRAXIS II exam have met the highly qualified requirement. Secondary Social Studies Teachers who pass the 10081 Social Studies: Content Knowledge PRAXIS II exam have met the highly qualified requirement.

### Questions

Submit questions concerning highly qualified requirements to [HQT@doe.in.gov](mailto:HQT@doe.in.gov). Contact the Office of Educator Licensing and Development 1-866-542-3672 or [licensinghelp@doe.in.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@doe.in.gov) for more information regarding transition to teaching permits or transition to teaching programs.